

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1 to 12 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Please amend Claims 13 to 22 as follows.

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1. to 12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) An electronic device, comprising:

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(a) ~~a detecting means for detecting a status to be warned~~ unit adapted to detect that a warning status has occurred;

a warning unit adapted to notify to a user that the warning status has occurred; and

(b) ~~transmitting means for transmitting a communication unit adapted to transmit~~ warning information indicating that the warning status has occurred, ~~to be warned~~ has been detected to a predetermined device connected to a digital network; and

(c) ~~controlling means for determining whether the status to be warned has been released or not after transmitting the warning information to the predetermined device;~~

wherein, if the detected warning status ~~to be warned has~~ is not been released, said ~~transmitting means transmits~~ communication unit is adapted to transmit the warning information to a registered device ~~other than said predetermined device that is registered in the electronic device, and~~

wherein, if the detected warning status is not released in spite of transmitting the warning information to the registered device, the communication unit is adapted to transmit the warning information to an unregistered device that is not registered in the electronic device.

14. (Currently Amended) The electronic device according to Claim 13,  
wherein:

~~if the status to be warned has not been released, said electronic device  
broadcasts the warning information to the digital network the unregistered device is  
connected to a network including the registered device.~~

15. (Currently Amended) The electronic device according to Claim 13,  
wherein:

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~~the warning information includes comprises at least one of an image, a  
character and voice data, text data and audio data.~~

16. (Currently Amended) The electronic device according to Claim 13,  
wherein:

~~said digital network conforms to the IEEE 1394-1995 standard each of the  
electronic device, the registered device and the unregistered device is connected to a home  
network.~~

17. (Currently Amended) The electronic device according to Claim 13,  
wherein:

~~if the detected warning status to be warned has is not been released said  
electronic device further transmits the warning information to a plurality of hand-held  
terminals connected to an external network in accordance with a predetermined priority  
sequence in spite of transmitting the warning information to the unregistered device, the  
communication unit is adapted to transmit the warning information to a predetermined  
device in an external network.~~

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18. (Currently Amended) A method for ~~controlling~~ providing warning information by an electronic device, comprising the steps of:

- (a) detecting whether a warning status to be warned has occurred; and
- (b) ~~transmitting warning information indicating that the status to be warned has been detected to a predetermined device connected to a digital network;~~
- (c) ~~determining whether the status to be warned has been released or not after transmitting the warning information to the predetermined device; and~~
- (d) ~~if the status to be warned has not been released, transmitting the warning information to a device other than the predetermined device~~  
notifying to a user that the warning status has occurred;  
wherein, if the detected warning status is not released, transmitting warning information indicating that the warning status has occurred to a registered device that is registered in the electronic device; and  
wherein, if the detected warning status is not released in spite of transmitting the warning information to the registered device, transmitting the warning information to an unregistered device that is not registered in the electronic device.

19. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 18, wherein :  
~~if the status to be warned has not been released, the warning information is broadcast to the digital network~~ the unregistered device is connected to a network including the registered device.

20. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 18, wherein:  
the warning information ~~includes~~ comprises at least one of ~~an image, a character and voice~~ data, text data and audio data.

21. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 18, wherein:  
said digital network conforms to the IEEE 1394-1995 standard each of the  
electronic device, the registered device, and the unregistered device is connected to a home  
network.

22. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 18, wherein:  
if the status to be warned has not been released, said electronic device  
further transmits the warning information to a plurality of hand-held terminals connected to  
an external network in accordance with a predetermined priority sequence further  
comprising a step of, if the warning status is not released in spite of transmitting the  
warning information to the unregistered device, transmitting the warning information to a  
predetermined device in an external network.